

NEW RECORD FOR PROMPT ADJUSTMENT

Miners and Operators Quickly Come to Agreement to Aid Government
—Twenty Per Cent Increase Is Given the Men.

New York, April 18.—Having settled their wage differences, the bituminous coal miners and operators of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana will now unite to co-operate with the Council of National Defense in maintaining the production of coal to meet Government requirements. A joint committee for this purpose was appointed by the wage conference before it adjourned last night. The conference, according to a statement by John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, "set a new mark for the prompt adjustment of relations between employers and employees in a spirit of patriotism and mutual accommodation worthy of good citizens in this time of emergency." The increase in wages agreed upon averages 20 per cent to 225,000 miners. It is effective from April 15 and will continue in force until March 31, 1918. The terms of the agreement provide:

1. That pick and machine mining be advanced 10 cents a ton in the States and districts comprising the immediate central competitive field, and that the screen coal mining prices in the block coal field of Indiana "be advanced in proportion to the mine-run prices herein agreed to."
2. That all labor receiving \$2.98 and \$3 a day be advanced to \$3.60.
3. That monthly men and all other classes of labor employed in and around the mines be advanced 60 cents a day, except as follows: Trappers shall receive \$1.90 a day, and all boys receiving \$1.57 a day or less be advanced to \$1.90 a day.

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BUILDING NOTES

Joseph Biecker, builder, will erect a \$6,000 brick residence and garage at Third avenue and Liberty street, Price Hill, for Wm. Hauser.

Helen M. Flinn will build an auto salesroom and repair shop at 4182 Apple street, for the use of Chas. E. Rapp.

Fred Klasened will build an \$8,000 duplex apartment on lot purchased from T. A. Brun, on Academy avenue.

The Joseph Lazarus Co., Fourth and Elm street, has awarded contract to the Warner Elevator Co. for installing a passenger elevator and a freight lift in its building. New electric work for same has not been awarded.

The Globe Folding Box Co. has awarded contracts as follows for its new plant on Mitchell avenue and C. H. & D. R. R.: Painting, Stegeman Bros.; sheet metal, Thomas Lee; roofing, H. W. Johns-Manville Co.

Dr. C. W. Mackenbach is arranging to build a residence to cost about \$10,000 on Paddock road, near Blachly avenue.

The following contracts are reported for Dr. Geo. W. Hunter's flat building, to be erected on Robertson avenue and Duck Creek road, planning, by R. H. Simonton, architect: Concrete, M. Merzani; brick work, E. A. Curry; plumbing, J. J. Doud; roofing and sheet metal work, Frank McNutt. The cost will be about \$45,000.

William Miller & Son, general contractors for alterations to the German Protestant Orphanage, Mt. Auburn, costing \$18,000, sublet the following branches: Brick, August Joehnk; plastering, George Stagg & Co.; stairs, Clifton Stair Building Co.; marble and tile, Cassini Mosaic and Tile Co.; mill, G. J. Brethauer Planing Mills Co.; iron, L. Schreiber Sons Co.; electric, Al Becker & Son. The Miller firm, general contractor for a residence for Henry Wafenschmidt, 1340 Delta avenue, let out the following sections: Brick, Peter Lothes; sheet metal and roofing, Schwartz & Fern; electric, Adams Electric Co.; hardwood, Cincinnati Floor Co.; iron, B. J. Rowekamp; tile, Cassini Mosaic and Tile Co.; stairs, John Thalmann; plastering, John J. Greene.

The Miller Company also gave out the following for a flat building for A. W. Helferich, 2526 Vine street: Brick, Peter Lothes; sheet metal and roofing, the Krumkemeyer Roofing Co.; heating, Love, Piket & Nulsen; electric, Adams Electric Company; marble and tile, Charles L. Shannon & Son; iron, Covington Architectural Iron Works; plastering, John J. Greene; painting, Ruhl & Co.; stairs, Clifton Stair Building Co.; mill work, Advance Mill Work Co.—The Building Witness.

TO MEET ON LUDLOW'S FIELD.

Ludlow, Col.—Sunday, April 22, organized miners will hold an agitation meeting on the site of the tent colony where women and children were shot by armed thugs in April, 1914. In two short years the miners are in the midst of a vigorous organizing campaign and have secured a three-year contract with the Victor-American Fuel company, one of their opponents during the 1913-14 strike.

"THE SKY'S THE LIMIT."

Grand Forks, N. D.—At a meeting of the Non-Partisan league President Townley asked the farmers what price they would put on their organization, which has swept the state and captured an entire state government. He assured them that big interests would gladly buy them off, as they are spending thousands to fight the league.

"Surely you will set some figure," said President Townley. "Let's hear what it is. There must be some limit."

"The sky's the limit," shouted a farmer, and this sentiment was applauded.

FOUNDRY EMPLOYEES UNITE.

Philadelphia.—Foundry employees in this city have organized and affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Foundry Employees.

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Who Pays for the Stelzle Advertisements?

Two months ago Mr. Charles Stelzle, who claims to be the Field Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, sent a letter to the Labor Journals and International Trades Union publications, asking for space rate to publish his articles against the saloon, breweries and distilleries of America, and incidentally calling attention to the fact that he is the chosen Apostle of God Almighty to save the Brewery Workers and Bartenders of America from self-destruction by depriving them of the opportunity to work, and destroying, if possible, their organization.

A number of labor papers, and even some of the International trades union publications, have accepted Mr. Stelzle's enticing offer of \$300.00 per year for space. We believe, however, that they have been deceived, because it seems inconceivable to think that a Labor press should deliberately become a party to betray and help destroy their fellow trades unionists and the organizations to which they belong.

We have the information that a number of International organizations and local labor papers have turned down the proposition of Stelzle, as it appeared to be against their principles of trades unionism to become a party to the nefarious work of disruption and curtailment of liberties for the common people.

Mr. Stelzle has been sneaking and snitching around every labor federation convention, ostensibly as a minister of the gospel, without a church or congregation, trying to impress the delegates that he is interested in the welfare of the toilers. He professes to be a former machinist, but the fact is, that he joined the machinists' organization after he was recognized as a minister of the gospel, and as such he wanted to secure influence amongst the labor organizations, hence the deceptive membership.

Mr. Stelzle is in charge of the distribution of a corruption fund obtained through contributions which he asked of large employers of labor, such as Kresge, of Detroit, who controls a chain of five and ten cent stores throughout the United States. This fund was established for the purpose of buying under misrepresentation the columns of the Labor press, which heretofore were closed to the forces of hypocrisy, as represented by the Anti-Saloon League and Prohibition Party.

The question now is, will the Labor press, the clean, incorruptible, always, self-sacrificing, loyal supporters of the workers of this country, fall for this deceptive hiring of the enemies of organized labor?

Mr. Stelzle is connected with the Westerville, Ohio, headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League, and according to his own statements during the San Francisco Convention of the American Federation of Labor, is now getting his principal income from a philanthropically inclined, "self-styled socialist" millionaire of Baltimore, Md., who wants to see National Prohibition established. It is more likely, however, that Mr. Stelzle is operating a branch fund collection office for the anti-saloon crowd of America; he is without question the paid agent of some force or organization which selected him as a suitable subject to deceive, mislead, and buncle the working class. His advertisements are fabrications and lies, and there is not one statement of truth contained therein.

First, he says that the death rate amongst brewery workers is 50 per cent higher than amongst any other trade. Our organization keeps a record of deaths, and the yearly per cent never runs higher than 16 per 1,000 throughout the United States and Canada.

Second, he claims that no first-class life insurance company will accept a brewer, which is another falsehood. As many members of the Brewery Workers carry life policies and endowment policies as of any other labor organization. It simply depends upon their financial circumstances.

The third statement, that there have been more strikes amongst Brewery Workers than amongst other trades, is on a par with his other statement of unemployment during the slack months.

The fact is, that the Brewery Workers have one of the most militant and democratic organizations. Years ago they succeeded in reaching an understanding with their employers, that no man should be discharged on account of slackness of work during the winter season, but that all men should divide and share the opportunities for the work equally. Mr. Stelzle, as one of the committee members appointed by the Mayor of New York City to investigate and suggest relief for the unemployed a few years ago, copied this plan of the Brewery Workers and their employers, and adopted their method of democratic division of employment, which has been in force for twenty-five years in their organization, and which has worked splendidly, as his suggestion, and then he boasted of the method as the child of his peanut brain.

It must be obvious to every one with common sense that the Stelzle propaganda is part of a bigger and more powerful propaganda than coming from one man, crank, or so-called philanthropist. It means to deprive the working class of more liberties, and make it more frugal, and then they, "the powers that be," will be able to get our labor cheaper.

THIS BUSINESS WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE LABOR ADVOCATE, AS WE ALWAYS CONSIDERED STELZLE A BIT OF A MOUNTEBANK AND BELIEVED HE WAS USING HIS LABOR CONNECTIONS IN THE INTEREST OF PROHIBITION.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Washington.—The bureau of immigration, department of labor, reports that 23,691 immigrants were admitted to this country during last February. Of the European countries Italy furnished the largest number, 3,405; Greece, 1,131; Russian empire and Finland, 902, and Spain, 807. Not a single immigrant came from Roumania, the source of

much cheap labor for American industry, and but four immigrants were listed from Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro.

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EMPLOYERS IGNORE LAW.

Peterborough, Ontario.—The Metal Products company ignored the Canadian industrial disputes act, which prohibits lockouts, when its union machinists attempted to enforce the standard wage rate. When the company located in this city it was exempted from taxation on the promise that it would maintain wages. When its workers began an agitation for this promise to be fulfilled they were discharged. A complete tie-up resulted and the company was glad to agree that machinists would hereafter be paid the regulation wage and time and one-half for overtime.

TEXTILE WORKERS GAIN.

Toronto, Ontario.—The Simpson mills, controlled by Joseph Simpson Sons, attempted to stop employees from joining the United Textile Workers' union by discharging employees who attended agitation meetings. A strike was called and the management then agreed to reinstate all locked-out employees, and establish the eight-hour day with 10-hours' pay. The management also agreed not to discriminate against unionists in the future.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS WIN.

St. Louis, Mo.—The "it-can't-be-dones" are again confounded by the success of the Electrical Workers' union in winning its strike against the Kinloch Telephone company, which operates in this and nearby cities. The agreement provides for better working conditions.

Davenport, Iowa.—Inside electrical workers have organized and affiliated with the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

One On His Honor.

A police magistrate in Cleveland was disposing of cases at the rate of about two a minute, with great exactness and dignity, being judge, jury and attorney, all in one.

"Then you are sure you recognize this linen coat as the one stolen from you?" he said to a complainant.

"Yes, your Honor."

"How do you know it is yours?"

"You can see that it is of a peculiar make, your Honor," replied the witness.

"That is the way I know it."

"Are you aware, sir," shouted the justice, turning to a closet back of him and producing a similar coat, "that there are others like it?"

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—Case and Comment.

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